

WISCONSIN DNR FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET BEAR LAKE, BARRON COUNTY, 2014

The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Bear Lake, Barron County, from April 30, 2014 to May 04, 2014.

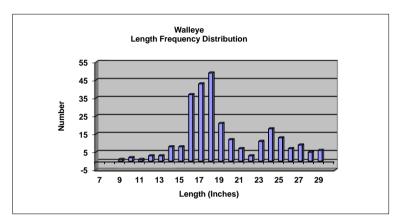
Bear Lake is a 1375 acre drainage lake in the Bear Creek basin and has a maximum depth of 87 feet. The fishery includes panfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike and walleye. Bear Lake was estimated to contain 911 or 0.7 walleye per acre.

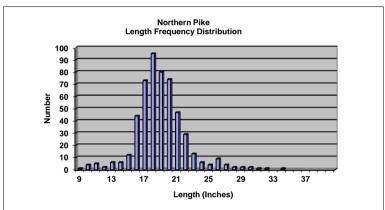


Walleye	
Total Captured	267
Avg. Length (in.)	19.3
Length Range (in.)	9-29
% >18"	60%



Northern Pike	
Total Captured	523
Avg. Length (in.) Length Range (in.)	18.9
Length Range (in.)	9-34
%>26"	4%





We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Bear Lake this year. Creel clerk Brian Byrnes will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish	Avg Fish	
		Stocked	Length (IN)	
2013	WALLEYE	52,732	2	
2012	WALLEYE	30,584	8	
2010	WALLEYE	8,134	7	
2009	WALLEYE	3,268	6	
2008	WALLEYE	23,764	1	
2006	WALLEYE	8,505	7	
2004	WALLEYE	525,000	FRY	
2004	WALLEYE	102,326	1	
2004	WALLEYE	27,193	3	
2003	WALLEYE	157,733	2	

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/

General Fishing Regulations for Bear Lake, Barron County, 2014

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH				
Walleye	May 03-March 01	2	18" MINIMUM				
Largemouth Bass	May 03-March 01	5*	NO MINIMUM				
Smallmouth Bass	May 03-March 01	5*	NO MINIMUM				
Muskellunge	May 24-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM				
Northern Pike	May 03-March 01	5	NO MINIMUM				

^{*}During harvest season for each species; you are allowed a daily bag limit of five largemouth or smallmouth bass in total.

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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